i6th March THE PRICE OF BEER

These few days past divers brewers have appeared before the Council, some of them committed to prison and the rest bound to answer their contempt next term for selling beer at los to i6s the barrel, whereas no beer should be sold above 53 the barrel for small beer, and 8s the better sort Nevertheless in answer to their petition that the price of malt is excessive, the Council will allow beer to be sold at 55. for small beer and ros for the strongest

THE EARL OF ESSEX'S PATENT

The Earl of Essex cannot yet get his patent signed as Master of the Ordnance Sir John Fortescue offered it twice to the Queen but she found some exceptions, and this afternoon the Earl tool his Bill and presented it himself, but for all that it is not done, which moveth him greatly, especiallv as it is believed that the Lord Cobham's patent will be signed before or as soon as his The Lord Cobham who, it is said, shall marry my Lord of Oxford's daughter, hearing how disdainfully my Lord of Essex speaLs of him in public, doth likewise protest to hate the Earl as much

iqth March A NEW PLAY

There is a new play at the Rose called *GUI Jo*

2Otb March FRENCH PIRATES

Some short time since the *Sonham* of Poole being driven into Dartmouth by contrary winds met there with two ships of Dieppe, which continued in the port the space of two months ; and they making forth to the seas a few days before the English ship and meeting with her shortly after, these two ships o£ Dieppe set upon the Englishmen, robbed and spoiled them of all their lading, goods and merchandise, with apparel, victuals, and other furniture, in most treacherous and barbarous sort,

leaving them so destitute that they were like to perish.

2$tb March SECTARIES TO GO TO CANYDA

There are two merchant strangers, Abraham and Stephen van Harwick, and Charles Leigh, a merchant of London, that would undertake a voyage of discovery and fishing into the Bay of Canyda, and will plant themselves in an Island called Ramea